



Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday Opportunities:

Lakeside Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
in-person and via *Facebook Live*

The Rev. Mark A. Werner, Pastor

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a community of faith, leading people to Christ

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES AT EMANUEL

Sep 3 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
Sep 5 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
Sep 6 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Sep 10– Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
Sep 10 – LCW Meeting
Sep 11 – Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Social Hall
Sep 12 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
Sep 13 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Sep 17 – Worship by the lake, 9 a.m.
Sep 17 – Social Hall Reserved for private event, 11-3
Sep 19 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
Sep 20 – Bible Study 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
Sep 24 – Tractor Sunday, Worship 9 a.m.
Sep 26 – Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. Social Hall
Sep 27 – Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

STEWARDSHIP

Financials as of June 2023:

YTD Income: \$106,574.60
YTD Expense: \$84,568.81
YTD Net Income: \$22,005.79
Total yearly budgeted income/expense: \$182,672.00

ALTAR GUILD

July – Cindy Cairone
August – Rita Bowen

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Donald Bell
Jordan Werner

friesburg philosophy for September

If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.

SEPTEMBER LECTORS

September 3, Kyle Knerr
September 10, Susan Shields
September 17, Jim Bowen
September 24, Brendan Miller

SEPTEMBER SOUP KITCHEN

Karen Wirsing
Julian Kidd
Pam Casella
Nancy Cobb

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday greetings to all celebrating in September:

4 Ava Huff
11 Patsy Madden
15 Norah Pilling
16 Dianne Hermanson
26 Chrissy Smith

Hoping all have a happy day and a blessed year!

LCW MEETING

All ladies are welcome to stay after the service at the pavilion on September 10th.

CONNECTIONS MAGAZINE

One of the things we include in our budget is a mailing subscription of the Connections Magazine for our members. Connections is produced by Sola Publishing. It comes every other month. Articles in the magazine are on Biblical events. If you have any questions about the magazine, please speak to Pastor Mark.

THANK YOU

Patsy Madden and I were co-chairs of the kitchen for Vacation Bible School. We want to thank Emanuel and friends for all help with food and monetary donations. We had great food which, I think the kids enjoyed, and we had great helpers. With the monetary donations that we collected, we were able to buy delicious pizza, pay for supplies for crafts and replenish supplies used at the Social Hall. When the call went out for monetary donations, Emanuel came through (as usual) with more than we anticipated. Thank you. Bible School is an important mission and we thank you again. Susan Shields

HELP NEEDED FOR TRACTOR SUNDAY

Help is needed on Saturday, September 23 from 9 until approximately noon to set up for Tractor Sunday. The more hands we have to set up, the quicker we will be done. Additionally, we will need help to clean up after Tractor Sunday festivities at 2:00 p.m. on Sept. 24.

A NOTE FROM ALLAN AND DIANNE HERMANSON

Dear Emanuel family,

Just a quick note to let you know we are now in our house in North Carolina and working to make it a home. We are participating in a small NALC congregation here in Morganton.

The journey from New Jersey through Maryland to North Carolina was challenging at times and our patience has been tested. We are here now and enjoying the beauty of God's creation in the mountain scenery that surrounds us.

We know the Holy Spirit has walked with us and guided our choices and decisions. We are getting used to southern drawls and slower pace and no tolls.

Life is good. God is great. You are missed.

Our new address is
P.O. Box 3251
Morgantown, NC 28680

Blessings and peace,
Dianne and Allan

WORKSHOP: ENGAGING THE AGING

You are cordially invited to attend a workshop led by Pr. Brad Hales - Engaging the Aging: How the Aging Can Renew a Congregation. This day-long workshop will be held on Saturday, September 30 from 8:30 AM (registration and fellowship) until 2 PM at Reformation Lutheran Church (2100 Manor Ridge Dr.), Lancaster, PA. Lunch is included! Cost is \$6 per person.

Pr. Brad Hales is the NALC Director of Church Planting and Aging Ministries. He helps start new congregations and house churches, assists churches in starting senior and middle age ministries, and uses these age groups as a catalyst for outreach and renewal. He is also the Pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Culpeper, VA.

To register you may fill out and mail the completed form with the registration fee (checks made payable to Reformation Lutheran Church) to the church at 2100 Manor Ridge Dr., Lancaster, PA 17063. You may also register by contacting Pr. Mark Chavez at 717-823-7739 or pastor@reformation-nalc.org.

Registration deadline is September 22.

Schedule:

8:30 am: Welcome and coffee

9:00 am-12:00 pm: Workshop part one

12-12:45 pm: Lunch

12:45-2:00 pm: Workshop part two

Please make plans to attend. What a wonderful opportunity to have fellowship and learn about embracing one of our greatest resources –our seniors!

COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Anniversary Committee - Kyle Knerr

Christian Education - Wayne Knerr

Fellowship - Brenda Mace, Chrissy Smith, Kathy Willis

Finance - Mike Clarke

Mutual Ministry - Steve Kennedy, Chrissy Smith

Property - Jimmy Cobb

Safety & Security – Kyle Knerr, Mike Clarke

Stewardship - Wayne Knerr

Witness/Outreach/Evangelism - Chrissy Smith

Worship& Music - Wayne Knerr

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

By Pr. Brian Triller

When I led our worship recently, one of my key take-aways from that service was something said during the young people's sermon. Aubrey and Faye were very cooperative and intent on solving a problem I had given them to find the missing bag of lollipops. At one point, when I asked the girls a question about how they might locate the lollipops, Faye's answer was simple: "Ask Jesus."

I told the girls that Kyle Knerr knew the location of the candy because he had hidden it at my request. So they went and asked Kyle, who directed them to find the lollipops.

However, Faye's profound statement, "Ask Jesus," stuck in my mind during and after the service. A couple of days later, when I realized I had misplaced a very important document, I found myself asking Jesus to help me find it.

After about 30 minutes of searching, I couldn't locate that document, even though I had checked several places where I might have unwittingly put it. As I started to get more anxious, I told Annette, who started helping me look for that paper.

I prayed again, pleading to Jesus that He would help me find that document, because I felt like I was looking for a needle in a haystack. I was then led to look through a stack of incoming mail and papers that I had already combed through once. As I went through that stack, I spotted the missing document, which I had accidentally misfiled!

Talk about feeling relieved! I realized it had only turned up by the grace of God. I thanked Jesus out loud for His leading me to find that important paper.

No need is too big or too small to bring to Jesus in prayer. Jesus wants us to bring all of our needs to Him and the Father. In John 15:7, we hear Jesus say: "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." (ESV)

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You and the Father love us and want us to come to You whenever we are in need. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may we turn to You in every time of need, trusting that You will answer every one of our prayers in Your loving time and way. Amen!

Take Up Your Cross

Find the 39 bold words from

Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)

U D U F M F X T K S N V C S E
I L N J O I A K A R S O M A S
W O R L D R H T U K M O C V N
E N O Y N A F T H I E H R E I
X G X D T S E E N E D I T C A
P E N I F R E G I C R M I N G
D I S C I P L E S T K S F O R
F M A N W O U L S I S E O S E
S U S E J O V G N O L L R P P
A N G E L S L G L O L F P E A
E T S A T H D L H O T L L R Y
D E N Y D O T W O R R L I S E
S O U L M Z J A U F I Y T O K
V J O L L I W L E F V G N N A
C T E L S M Y Q E D C X U W S

Then **Jesus told** his **disciples**, "If **anyone** would come after me, **let him deny himself** and **take** up his **cross** and **follow** me. For whoever would **save** his **life will lose it**, but whoever loses his life for my **sake will find** it. For what will it **profit** a man if he **gains the whole world** and **forfeits his soul**? Or what shall a man give in **return** for his soul? For the **Son of Man** is going to come with his **angels** in the **glory** of his **Father**, and then he will **repay each person** according to what he has done. **Truly**, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not **taste death until they see** the Son of Man **coming** in his **kingdom**."

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Pastor's Perspective
September 2023

“Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.” Psalm 146:3-4.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

There is an important quality in life that we simply cannot avoid. That quality is trust. Our very survival is dependent upon trust, more importantly on who we trust.

I was reminded of just how much trust is important throughout this summer. For example, this summer Jordan received his driver's license. Talk about trust. It takes a lot of trust (courage, prayer, hope included) to hand the keys of the car to your son and sit in the passenger seat as he starts to learn to drive. It will take even more trust when it comes to the time when he first drives without Amy or me.

I will say, I do trust Jordan. That doesn't mean he is immune to mistake. Nonetheless, if I don't trust Jordan, it will certainly impact our relationship in a negative way.

This summer, we traveled to Oklahoma City for the NALC Convocation and to enjoy a few extra days for vacation. For one, I trusted that when I parked the car in the airport parking garage it would be there when we got back. It was. Of greater trust was that the TSA would do their jobs correctly and that no one would get on the plane with any kind of weapon. I felt pretty good about that. But then there is the flight itself. Over the course of getting to and returning home from Oklahoma City we trusted at least four different pilots to fly the plan. My life, the life of my family, and the lives of roughly two hundred plus passengers are entrusted to a pilot or pilots.

If that wasn't enough, we get to Oklahoma City and we need transportation. Oh, the irony of being told growing up not to get in a car with strangers. Now we call an uber and trust that this person is going to take us exactly where we need to go.

Our daily lives are built around relationships. Key to those relationships is trust. Naturally there are individuals we trust more than others. Those closest to us we trust with greater depth such as our spouse, our parents, our friends, etc.

In every individual I've mentioned, there is a danger that such trust can be broken. The physical, emotional, mental, social, and spiritual aspects of our lives are greatly hindered when trust is broken. And yet, each person we trust is one who can hurt us the most should that trust be broken. The only one who does not let us down is Jesus.

As the above scriptures state, we trust Jesus not only for what is needed in this life, but we trust in Him with the salvation of our very being. “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12. Likewise, in praying as Jesus taught us, it is God's good pleasure to give us our daily bread. “Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of our body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.” Luther's Small Catechism, Lord's Prayer, 4th Petition.

No matter what we face or the struggles we will endure in this life, we can trust in the Lord who loves us, who died and rose from the dead, to lead us through such trials and tribulations. Jesus will not leave us abandoned to the things that are meant to intimidate us, the immorality that plagues our society, poor health, or things that amplify our anxiety. To put it another way, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4

In all things, trust in the Lord, for he will not abandon you.